

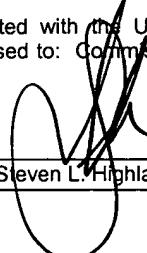


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of:  
Erik NIELSEN *et al.*

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed on May 11, 2005, to which a response was initially due on August 11, 2005. That deadline is extended to September 12, 2005, since September 10, 2005 falls on a Saturday, by virtue of the enclosed Petition for Extension of time and payment of fees. No other fees are believed due in connection with this filing; however, should applicants' check be missing, or should any other fees be required in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.50-1212/DEBE:007US/SLH.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper; **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 6; **Remarks** begin on page 8.